



Teachers and caregivers, there's so much to learn and do at the Library of Congress National Book Festival! You can start by sharing these suggestions with the kids and teens in your life, or use it yourself as a roadmap to the 2020 festival.

Meet the authors!

Choose a favorite author or two, or one who's new to you, at one of the program stages. After the talk, ask yourself some of these questions:

What would you ask the author if you could?

Join a live Q&A session with the author ([schedule](#)), or reflect on what you would have asked the author if you had been planning the festival.

What do you wonder about?

What surprised you about the talk? What do you wonder about? Has this talk changed the way you think about the author's work?



Author and illustrator Sophie Blackall in her studio

What inspires you to be creative?

The authors were asked to share what inspires them. What did they say? Could anything that inspires this author inspire you too?

The videos show authors in their home offices and studios. What do these authors surround themselves with as they work? What would you include in your ideal work space?

What does "American ingenuity" mean to you?

How does the author's understanding of American ingenuity compare with yours?

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Try an activity idea below to continue exploring.

You might even create your own virtual book club inspired by the National Book Festival!



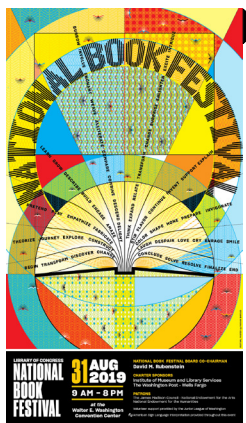
Discover State Reads!

Stop by the Discover State Reads tab to find the Roadmap to Reading. Pull over at a book that looks interesting to you. Once you've learned a bit about it, see if it makes

you want to explore other reads on the road. These suggestions come from Centers for the Book from around the country.

Consider a timely topic.

Fearless Women. Hearing Black Voices. Democracy in the 21st Century. The authors at the National Book Festival discuss quite a few serious themes. Select a theme that's important to you and listen to an author. What questions do you have afterwards? Where can you go to explore this theme further?



Think visually.

What comes to mind when you think of books? How would you represent that in a picture? Take a look at some of the National Book Festival posters from previous years and find inspiration to create your own drawing, painting, or collage. You can find all of the past festival posters [here](#).

Explore the Library.

Select a "booth" at the Explore the Library tab to learn more about the Library's collections and check the schedule tab for times to meet our librarians. Or, stop by the "Activities for Families" booth for printable activities from across the Library.

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